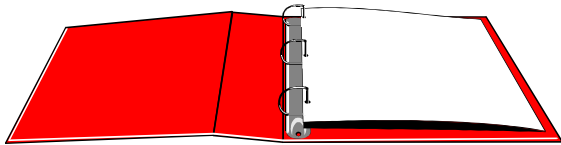


INTEGRATED TRAINING AREA MANAGEMENT
ITAM Learning Module
Army Conservation

**Lesson #4: Integrated Natural Resources/Cultural Resources
Management Plans**



Introduction

In *Lesson 3: Conservation Program Areas and Regulations*, the key Conservation program areas on an installation and their governing Army regulations were discussed in detail. Although they were discussed separately, it is important to note that all of these programs are interrelated - and thus, require an integrated management approach.

The Department of Defense Instruction (DODI) 4715.3 (Environmental Conservation Program), states that all DoD conservation programs shall work to guarantee continued access to our land, air, and water resources for realistic military training and testing, while ensuring that the natural and cultural resources entrusted to DoD care are sustained in a healthy condition for scientific research, education, and other compatible uses by future generations. This Instruction provides guidelines for both natural resources and cultural resources management, and emphasizes the preparation of Integrated Plans.

The focal point for this integration is the development and execution of two integrated planning documents mandated by federal law and Army regulation. These are the:

- Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan (INRMP)
- Integrated Cultural Resources Management Plan (ICRMP)

Integrated Natural Resources Management Plans

The Sikes Act (*see Lesson 1: Conservation Foundations*) establishes the legal precedent for the formulation of INRMP's at each Army installation. *AR 200-3* and Army Memorandum on *Army Goals and Implementing Guidance for Natural Resources Planning Level Surveys (PLS) and Integrated Natural Resources Management Plans (dated 21 March 1997)*, require all Army installations in the continental United States and certain overseas installations, having more than 500 acres, to develop and implement an INRMP.

The INRMP preparation and implementation is the responsibility of the installation staff, with major contributions by natural resources professionals. INRMP preparation generally begins with interviewing the appropriate Directorates on an installation who are involved in some way with natural resources. These include all of the Conservation Program areas discussed in ***Lesson 3: Conservation Program Areas and Regulations***, as well as the DPTM, Provost Marshal and Director of Safety.

Data and other natural resources information is critical to the preparation of the INRMP. Planning level surveys are conducted to characterize the resources on an installation, to include:

- Topography
- Wetlands
- Surface waters
- Soils
- Flora
- Vegetative communities
- Threatened and endangered species
- Fauna
- Invasive species

Many of the individual program plans, described in ***Lesson 3: Conservation Program Areas and Regulations***, such as the Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Plan, Forest Management Plan, Outdoor Recreation Plan, and others should be incorporated into the INRMP. As with all of these plans, a critical component of their development is coordination with state and federal agencies involved with natural resources management.

It is important to note that the INRMP is not developed in isolation of the military missions and activities on the installation. The INRMP must support military mission requirements and sustainability. Therefore, the INRMP should include specific information about the types, frequency and intensity of military land use on the installation. Where implemented, the ITAM program's goals and objectives are considered a critical component of the plan.

Written guidelines have been established for the preparation of INRMP's on military installations (*Guidelines to Prepare INRMPs for Army Installations and Activities, U.S. Army Environmental Center, April 1997*). While no two installation plans are entirely alike they should generally follow the same format and content, to include:

- Goals and Policies
- Location and Acreage
- Military Mission
- Facilities
- Responsible and Interested Parties
- Natural Resources and Climate
- Land Use and Management Units
- Natural Resources Management

- Inventorying and Monitoring
- Research and Special Projects
- Enforcement
- Environmental Awareness
- Outdoor Recreation
- Cultural Resources Protection
- NEPA
- Bio-political Issue Resolution
- Implementation
- References
- List of Persons Contacted

Installation INRMP's must be reviewed annually and must be revised every five years. Each plan, and its subsequent revisions, will be forwarded to the appropriate Major Command (MACOM) for approval.

Integrated Cultural Resources Management Plans

The installation Integrated Cultural Resources Management Plan (ICRMP) is a 5-year plan to ensure compliance with the various federal regulations (see ***Lesson 1: Conservation Foundations***) governing the protection and management of archeological and historical resources on Army installations. While not required by federal statute, AR 200-4 mandates the development of ICRMP's for all Army installations having statutory and regulatory cultural resources management responsibilities. The ICRMP is considered to be a component of the installation Master Plan and also provides important information to support the INRMP.

Guidelines for development of the ICRMP are provided in *DA PAM 200-4, Cultural Resources Management*. Informational content should include:

- Identification of all applicable legal requirements and procedures
- Identification of specific actions, projects and undertakings for the 5-year period that may affect cultural resources
- Development of a cultural landscape approach to management
- Planning level surveys
- Field inventory and evaluation
- Internal procedures for consultation
- Curation of collections and records
- Protection of information
- Economic analysis of historic properties
- Access provisions